(7) Yes; no useful purpose will be served by placing the petition on the table.

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(10) Yes; in recognition of his long and faithful service and in view of his approaching retirement.

(11) Yes; vide answer to part (7).

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Sub-division (7). The answer is 'Mr. V. K. Achyuta Menon was given the maximum in this grade.' Naturally when an application for extension is applied it goes through the Director. Did the Director make any endorsement on the application recommending the maximum pay to the applicant ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The answer is given already. The answer is 'no useful purpose will be served by placing the petition on the table.'

Dr. A. G. Menon.—My supplementary question is, "Did the application go through the Director."

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Did the Director put in any remark on the petition ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—That information cannot be made available by the Government.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is it confidential ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Two posts were created on Rs. 300 to 400 and Mr. Achyuta Menon was promoted to that grade on the maximum to one of them. To whom was the other post given ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The other post was given to Mr. Gopala Ayyar, the new Professor of Zoology.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—He left the service and who gets the place ? Was Mr Gopala Ayyar given Rs. 400?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Mr. Gopala Ayyar got Rs. 400.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Was Mr. Achyuta Menon allowed to draw Rs. 400?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—He was allowed to draw Rs. 400.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—But that post was Rs. 300 to 400.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Rs. 300 to 400 is the grade and Mr. Achyuta Menon was allowed to draw the maximum.

Extension of service to Mr. Matthai, Director of Public Instruction.

82. **Dr. A. G. Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state,—

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1. when was Mr. C. Matthai, Director of Public Instruction, due to retire;

2. was any extension given to him; if so, for what period and for what reasons;

3. were not the chances of promotion to higher grades of some members in the superior service affected by his extension;

4. if their chances were thus affected by his extension, what compensation did the Government give them?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—

1. 27th October 1926.

2. Yes, for a year in the first instance and subsequently for six months in the public interests.

3. Yes.

4. No compensation.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—(2). The answer to sub-division (2) is 'yes, for one year in the 1st instance, and subsequently for 6 months.' When did the first actually come to an end?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—26th October 1927 was the date on which his period expired at the first instance.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Subsequently when did it come to an end?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—After 27th October 1927.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—So the 2nd extension was granted before this one year was over.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The question of retirement must be considered before the occupant actually retires.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—May I know what is the time fixed for consideration?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There is no time fixed.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—It was said that it will be considered at the proper time.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—At the proper time it was considered.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—When was the 2nd order for extension passed?

President.—It may be a month previous to the 27th October 1927.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is Government not in a position to the exact date?

President.—You certainly turn upon that point.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I want to know that date; so I ask for that information.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is about a month previous to 27th October.

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President.—It must be before the actual retirement takes place.

Certain appointments in the Maharaja's College.

83. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. were not the services of Messrs. R. Gopala Ayyar, Professor of Zoology and G. A. Sreenivasan, Professor of Mathematics, borrowed from the Madras service for 3 years to train up the men already in our (State) service for professional work;

2. were their Assistants found unfit for the Professors' work by any competent authority, who had occasion to inspect their work;

3. was Mr. Gopala Ayyar's opinion taken in the matter of the appointment of a successor to him; if not, why not;

4. why was Mr. Karunakaran Nayar from Mysore service appointed as permanent Professor of Zoology;

5. what was his pay in the Mysore service; in what grade was he there; what is his pay here.; in what grade has he been appointed here; have the Government agreed to recognise his past service in Mysore for pension here; if so, how many years' service have the Government agreed to recognise;

6. were there no qualified men in the State service or outside available for the post of Zoology Professor on the grade of pay fixed for the Professors (Rs. 200—250);

7. did the Government advertise the vacancy created by the reversion of Mr. R. Gopala Ayyar when they went in for an outsider; if not, why not;

8. what is Mr. Karunakaran Nayar's position in the service with respect to the Professors who are already in the College;

9. is he senior to those whose salary or grade of pay is lower than his; if the answer is in the affirmative, why this anxiety on the part of the Government to bring him in and throw the men already in the service overboard?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—1. Their services were borrowed for three years, but not definitely for the purpose of training up our men.

2. There were no Assistants in that section of the College qualified for appointment as Professor in the opinion of competent authorities.

3. Mr. Gopala Ayyar was also consulted.

4. Mr. Karunakaran Nayar was appointed as he was recommended by the most competent authority on the subject in South India.

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